

**Meeting on MINUTES OF
YONKERS CITY SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM COUNCIL MEETING
January 25, 2023**

The meeting was held on Zoom and was called to order by Jim Riley, Council President.

Council Members Present: James Riley (President), Peter Sieh, Nicole Taylor-Wernham, Carol Westphal, Jesse Montero, Z.Baird, and Tracey Wong, *ex officio*.

Excused: Karen Loia and Don DeMatteo.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the November 16, 2022 meeting were approved.

Reports:

Membership: (Carol Westphal)

- No updates.

Professional Development:

- Library Services:
 - No meetings were scheduled.
- District Secondary Department Meeting:
 - December 13, 2022 – Data Mate Content: School Level Data – Rachel Cole and Luis Duany-Blanco.
- Jim Riley from Saunders HS and Peter Sieh from Martin Luther King Academy and Las Hermanas Mirabal Community School presented their team artifacts and projects on January 24, 2023 for the Smart Start Scholars Grant.
- Carol Westphal attended two Follett Destiny Webinars. How to do an Inventory on January 4, 2023 and What's New in Follett 19.6 on January 12, 2023.
- Nicole Taylor-Wernham at Yonkers/Middle HS attended a Project Look Sharp Zoom on January 5, 2023.

Yonkers Public Library Report: (Jesse Montero and Z Baird)

- The YPL will release a new logo and website in mid-April.
- The new website will allow the YPL to improve promoting and delivering web content and library resources to all cardholders.
- They will release a new YPL card. Residents can request a new card.
- All three YPL branches are offering Cultural Events. A slate of activities is scheduled for Black History Month, Women's History Month and Irish American Heritage Month.
- All three YPL branches are offering Take it to Make it kits.
- The YPL will dedicate a teacher page related to class visits and sign-up for YPL cards either in conjunction with the Summer Reading Program or Back to School.

Library Services Report: (Tracey Wong)

- Two professional development webinars are being planned for SLMS.
- Book Orders went to Board Resolution on January 6, 2023. Schools will begin to receive books in April and May.

Website: (Carol Westphal)

- Tracey Wong asked Carol Westphal to update documents on the YPS District Library Page. Ten documents were updated.

Old Business:

- Tracey Wong emailed OverDrive about making all High School LMS admins, so they can run their own SORA Reports, however, she did not get a response.

New Business:

- Carol Westphal asked Tracey to make the request again and this time contact our SORA rep. by phone.
- Tracey asked Jim, Carol, Nicole and Peter if we would each share a section of Follett Destiny during a Zoom meeting for the new SLMS, since our rep was not able to attend and present on either Superintendent Conference Days.

Announcements:

- Nicole Taylor-Wernham at YMHS had students ask her in addition to their Poetry Club, if she would host a Book Club. The first meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2023.
- During Career Technical Education (CTE) Carol Westphal and Pre-Teaching Magnet students at YMA introduced 4th graders and Center for Learning students how to create a Sway. Weekly during scheduled CTE class time the Pre-Teaching Magnet students are working with students to complete and share their Sways.
- Peter Sieh at MLKA received new tables and chairs, as well as a rug.
- This year Tracey sent a MakerBot to Las Hermanas Mirabal Community School.
- School 16 is moving the library out of the gym and into a classroom.

Roundtable Discussion:

- Summer Reading
 - Revamped over the last several years.
 - Leave all book lists as is for this summer.
 - Build the collection and replace torn or missing books.
 - They will let Tracey know if any books are out of print.
 - Summer Reading Platform – READsquared.
 - We need to change form.
 - Reading Log needs to include child's full name, school and grade.
 - The child needs to return the Reading Log to school in September to receive credit for Summer Reading.
- YPS Master List of Professional Development
 - Opportunities for YPL staff to speak at school events. Library presentations have been well received.
- All staff Professional Development hours should be recorded in Frontline Education.
- New Assistant Superintendent of Professional Development starting February 2023.
- **Next Meeting:** May, 3, 2023
- **Motion to Adjourn:** Approved
- **Minutes:** Respectfully submitted, Carol Westphal